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This year's annual Household Hazardous Waste Event, originally scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to the violent storms and further predicted severe weather for the remainder of the weekend. City staff is now working to reschedule the event for this fall. Once that date is established, the City will notify residents of the new date and time.

Normally, when the City conducts Household Hazardous Waste Events, it requires advance scheduling and extensive coordination of many contractors, location facilities, police, fire and sanitation department employees.

However, the most extensive coordination comes in coordinating the 130-plus volunteers that are essential to the success of the event. Most of the volunteers are students from Norman high schools and OU, so hosting the event when the students are in session becomes increasingly critical to its success.

Although the City regrets having to postpone this great event, other options are available for citizens to safely dispose of a majority of their hazardous waste items. Facilities throughout Norman are available year-round assist in disposal of these items.

Some of these options include:

- Using City facilities at the solid waste transfer station to collect used motor oil, antifreeze, tires, and used cooking oil.
- Taking antifreeze, motor oil, tires and automotive batteries to quick-change lube businesses and other automotive shops.
- Rechargeable batteries, cell phones and compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs are accepted at many local stores.
- Electronic stores and Goodwill donation sites often take electronics such as computers and televisions.

- Latex and water-based paints are considered non-toxic after they are dried out, so containers with those items can be disposed of with regular household trash.

Citizens wanting more information about business that accept some household hazardous waste items can visit [www.ci.norman.ok.us/content/household-hazardous](http://www.ci.norman.ok.us/content/household-hazardous) and click on the link for additional options to properly dispose of household hazardous waste in Norman. Citizens may also call the Environmental Services office at 292-9731 for additional information about the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, including helpful tips for managing discarded paint.